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SUBJECT: RUSSIA MOVING SLOWLY ON DIVERSITY CONVENTION

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Classified By: A/POL Bruce Donahue. Reasons: 1.4(B/D).

(C) On February 13 poloff delivered reftel demarche to MFA UNESCO Section Chief Nina Sopkova. Sopkova characterized the GOR's position on the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions as "cautious." She said that the convention would be ratified only after careful study and that it is not yet on the Duma's legislative docket. Sopkova added that Russia will not be among the first countries to ratify the convention.

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